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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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A	WO 2000/012168 A1 (CARDEON CORPORATION) 9 March 2000 See entire document	1-57
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